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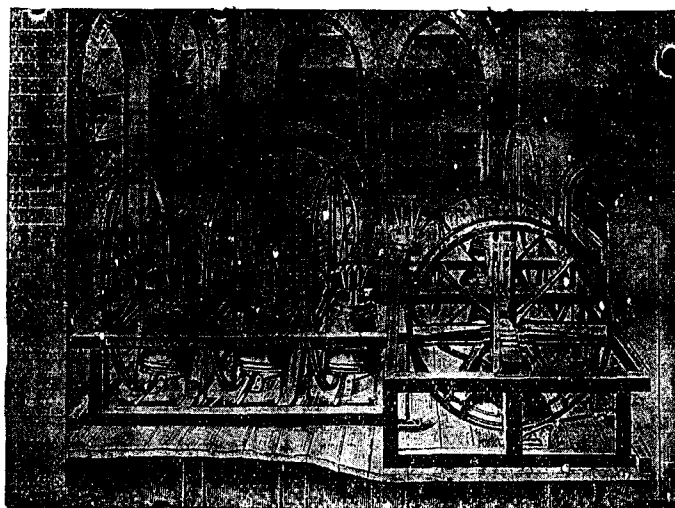
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BARNARD CASTLE (Durham).—St. Mary. Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, the back six 1822, trebles 1874. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 4 ft. The ring were rehung in a new tower by Mallaby, 1874. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1899. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30 and 6 to 6.30. No regular practice.

BARNET (Herts).—St. John the Baptist. Middlesex Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1892. No repairs since. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1897; good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.20 and 6 to 6.20. Practice: Monday, 8. Seage's dumb practice apparatus fitted. The ring replaces an older one of eight bells, tenor 12 cwt.

BARNESLEY (Yorks).—St. Mary. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Pack and Chapman, the back six 1769, and the two trebles 1772. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. The whole ring thoroughly overhauled and hung in a new frame with new fittings, 1876. Soundbells somewhat worn. Clock hammers considered to be a source of danger unless regularly attended to. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ringers recommendations are favourably considered. Ropes new 1897, worn. Methods: Treble Bob and variations. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30 and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

BARNSTAPLE (Devon).—St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—St. James. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1877, since when no repairs have been done. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes

good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 11 and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

BATH (Somerset).—St. Andrew. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, the back six in 1879, the trebles 1880. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Thoroughly overhauled by Taylor 1888. Timber frame. Bells go very well. Ellacombe's chiming apparatus fixed. Lath and plaster ceiling in belfry and addition of two trebles recommended but not obtained. Ropes new, 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing occasionally 10 to 11 and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 8. Seage's dumb practice apparatus fitted, but unsatisfactory.

St. James. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1729. Rehung in iron frame with new frame with new fittings by Warner; no date given. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Bells go well. Chiming apparatus fitted. All in good condition. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing on festivals only. Practice: alternate Wednesdays, 8.

The Abbey. SS. Peter and Paul. Tea bells. No return.

Christ Church. Eight Bells. No return.

St. Michael. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1757. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Bells clocked. Repaired and refitted with new wheels and gudgeons 1899 by a local firm of builders unacquainted with ringing. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. No Sunday ringing. No regular practice.

St. Saviour's. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall 1830. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Rehung by Cole, 1830. No repairs since. Estimates obtained for rehangng, but no sufficient funds forthcoming. Ropes new 1891; fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung till bells became dangerous. No Sunday ringing or practice since 1899. The 7th and tenor are cracked across cannons; and soundbells worn.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

A meeting of this branch was held at Bitton on the 3rd instant, when very few were present, not enough to ring the bells, which was very disappointing. The Rev. Canon Ellacombe, Vicar of Bitton, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey, (Oldland) took the service. After the service the small party were very kindly shown over the vicarage grounds by the rev. Canon, which was much appreciated. The vicarage of Oldlands was visited, where after refreshments had been partaken of, some touches were rung on Mr. Cockey's fine peal of handbells.

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THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.

In response to the very kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Murchison, the above Guild met at St. Nicholas' vicarage on Wednesday evening, April 23rd, to partake of the good things provided for them. Besides the host and hostess there were present the Rev. — Cherrington (curate), Miss Lysight, and Mr. Tyrell, both closely connected with the church. Grace having been said, proceedings commenced with the first course, which was successfully got through, being followed by course after course until every one was satisfied. Dinner over, the Vicar rose and said what a great pleasure it was to Mrs. Murchison and himself to be able to invite the ringers of St. Nicholas to his house that evening, and although it was the first time they had been able to ask them to the vicarage, he hoped it would not be the last. He further remarked on the progress made by the ringers, and the good feeling existing, and hoped it would continue so. An adjournment was then made to the drawing-room, where the handbells were brought into use, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by A. Stowell, F. G. May, R. J. Wilkins, W. Stowell, V. J. S. O'Brien. This was followed by songs, sung by the Vicar and the Rev. Cherrington, Messrs. R. J. Wilkins, W. Sommerville and F. G. May, interspersed with games of ping-pong, draughts, etc. Before the party broke up Mr. May, on behalf of the Guild, most heartily thanked the Vicar and Mrs. Murchison for so kindly inviting them there that evening. He was sure everyone had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and appreciated very much the kindness shewn to them. Remarking on the progress of the Guild since it was formed in November, 1900, he said the progress made was very good indeed, for of the members who joined when the Guild was formed, and still belonged to the company, everyone had rung a peal. The credit was not due to any particular one, but to all, as they felt interested in what was being done. They had received valuable assistance from other ringers, principally St. Stephen's, and he was very glad to say that at the present time they received visits from ringers belonging to other towers in the city, and that their men were made equally welcome in any tower they went into, thus shewing the good feeling existing between all ringers in the city. Reverting to a question which was brought up that evening as to the possibility of two trebles to make a ring of twelve at St. Nicholas, which he was pleased to know the Vicar and others were in full sympathy, and if the order was given it could be termed a coronation gift, and that with two good bells they would possess one of the best rings of twelve for their weight in the country, and would be made good use of. He thanked the Vicar for so kindly allowing the use of the bells for peals on each occasion asked for, which had gone a long way towards the success achieved by members of the Guild.

The Vicar having made a short reply, the party broke up, everyone feeling on the best of terms with himself, and expressing the opinion that each had spent a most enjoyable evening. Thus ended the first dinner of the St. Nicholas' Guild.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, April 29, at Christ Church, West Bromwich, when a good muster of members put in an appearance, from the various towers in the Archdeaconry, viz.:—Lichfield, Handsworth, Tipton, Smethwick, Darlaston, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Bloxwich, Coseley, and All Saints and Christ Church, West Bromwich. There was a short service in Christ Church at five o'clock at which the Vicar, the Rev. C. W. Carrington, gave the address after which a committee meeting was held in the vestry when several new ringing members, and six new honorary members were elected. It being decided to hold the annual meeting on June 21st. at Lichfield, an adjournment was made to the Masonic Hall, where a good knife and fork tea was already waiting. Grace being said by the Vicar ample justice was done to the good things provided, and a vote of thanks was proposed and adopted that the best thanks of the members be given to Councillor T. Newman, who had very generously supplied the cost of the tea, and in the absence of that gentleman the Vicar was requested to convey it to him.

During the afternoon and evening the bells (12) were kept going with some touches in Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the above was held at Earls Colne, on Saturday, May 10th. The Association had never before held a meeting there, and the local ringers were not members. The tea was supplied by Mrs. Fiamin, of The George hotel, seventeen sitting down. A meeting was held afterwards, the chair being taken by Mr. W. J. Nevard, Master of the above district. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Divisional Secretary, and thirteen ringing members, one honorary, and one non-resident member elected. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung at Colne Engaine during the afternoon, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and New London Pleasure at Earls Colne, members being present from Colne, Coggeshall, Great Bentley, Feering, etc., also the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. T. Eyre, from Totham.

Obituary.

THOMAS NEILL.

We regret to announce that Thomas Neill, a member of the York Minster Society, and also of the Yorkshire Association, died very suddenly through the rupture of a blood vessel, on Thursday, May 8th, very much regretted by all who knew him. He was previously a member of the Beverley society, removing to York in 1892. An enthusiast and a good man in the science, he had rung fourteen peals: Stedman, Treble Bob, and Grandsire. The interment took place on Saturday, the 10th, in the parish churchyard of Acomb. He was carried to the grave by six of his fellow-workmen, attended by a large number of the same, also by the ringers, who headed the procession. At the conclusion of the burial service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells by T. Hodgson, T. Haigh, G. Breed, F. T. Earnshaw, and A. Haigh; and a muffled peal on the Minster bells in the evening.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BINGLEY MEETING, MAY 3rd, 1902.

A somewhat unpropitious morning opened for this much-looked-for meeting, but as the day wore on things brightened somewhat, and later in the afternoon, under the warming influence of a hearty reception and a generous hospitality the visitors appeared to be distinctly comforted, nor did the "tykes" (we believe this is the correct term for a knowing Yorkshireman) allow the cake (and other substantial solid matter)

To waste its sweetness on the desert air.

(this "change" of thought is given with apologies to the poet who was well represented in the day's sky).

During the morning an attempt had been made for a peal by a band full of hopes of success—amongst whom was one of Yorkshire's "clerics," we are glad to note—but after an honourable attempt extending over some two hours, a broken rope dispelled their ambition, and for a time, we believe for a very short time only—

"Melancholy marked them for her own."

(the distinct *greyness* of the day is partly responsible for our quotations.)

The good old town of Bingley was in former days noted for its six-bell ringers, who in numbers of methods committed to memory—but rung in detachments, and not in one length—had established what we believe was a "record"; but time will not permit us to do more than refer to it in passing.

A peep into the room where the official committee were transacting business, would have shewn Archdeacon Kilner to be there taking a real interest in all that was going on—the fact that thirty-seven new names were held qualified and were passed for membership speaks for the solidity of the work done by the Society. Shortly afterwards the Archdeacon was giving out grace, which was forcibly sung by some two hundred voices previous to sitting down to tea.

The business meeting followed in one of the adjoining schoolrooms, the President, Mr. Wm. Snowdon, of Leeds, being supported by the Archdeacon, and by the principal officers, including Vice-president Howard, of York, who, arriving late, received quite an ovation on taking his seat; (as Yorkshire's veteran officer is over eighty years old, the county is very properly proud of his appearance on these occasions). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, the chairman read a letter from the Bishop of Sheffield—Dr. Quirk, a former Vicar of Rotherham, and a long-standing hon. member of the Association—thanking the members for their resolution welcoming him back (from Bath) to the old county.

In connection with the resignation of Mr. Copley of the post of Hon. Sec. held by him for some twelve years past, a warm vote of thanks was passed to him on the motion of the President, seconded by Vice-president Bolland, as follows: "That this meeting of the Yorkshire Association regrets that Mr. Copley has found it necessary to seek rest and relinquish his post of Hon. Sec., and in thanking him for his many years' service trusts that he will shortly regain his usual health."

In bringing forward the place of next meeting, a kind letter was read from Canon Nolloth, of Beverley, in which he and his ringers trusted that the Association would next visit them in September, in order to hear and try their new bells.

This was unanimously accepted on the motion of Mr.

W. Southwick, of Hull, seconded by Mr. Stainthorpe, Hon. Treasurer.

On the chairman mentioning that, attached to the choice of the place for the Annual Meeting in January, was a special rule giving extra facilities to those sending in early invitations, for learning the views of the whole society, Mr. B. F. Lamb, of Halifax, stated that there was a strong intention of putting forward his town for the "Annual," and this led to some complimentary remarks relative to the distinct suitability of the grand old church of Halifax for such a meeting.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Archdeacon Kilner), for the use of his bells and schools, the President emphasised the great power for good that an Archdeacon could exert on behalf of the ringer, adding that he hoped that their visit that day would gain them another valuable friend.

This having been seconded by vice-president Howard, and very warmly passed, the Archdeacon rose and good-naturedly admitted that, acting for his Bishop, much power was left in his hands, so much so that indeed it was difficult to say where it began and where it ended. It reminded him of a question once asked in the House of Commons as to what an Archdeacon was. The ministers consulted and shook their heads, until one of them very cleverly begged the question by stating "that an Archdeacon was one who performed Archidiaconal duties." His duties however made him inquire into the condition of the fabric of the churches, and into the condition of the bells, etc., and in that way he had found himself able to help the ringers as he hoped, as he had laid it down that it was unfair to supply water for the use of the vestry without doing the same for the belfry. Unfortunately for the ringers their work was done in general, out of sight, and possibly this led them to forget the greater interest the congregation would take in them if they saw them afterwards in church. He was one who believed in having a special pew for the ringers, where they could comfortably be looked after. Another thing that was unfortunate for them was that their ringing-chambers were difficult of access, especially on a dark practice night, and this possibly prevented as many friendly visits being paid to them as they deserved. They all knew how intimately their bells were woven into the national life—even that very day he had had several telephonic messages asking whether peace had been declared, so persistently had the visiting members kept at the ropes. Again, how well the bells had expressed their sorrow at the death of the beloved Queen, and to turn to a brighter side, how they would hope to hear them at the Coronation. Again, coming down to their every-day life, when two hearts would bind themselves in one, did not the bells—especially for a small consideration—tell out the news loudly and with much goodwill. He knew how important a part harmony played in a church tower—though not a ringer, he knew it all from his college boating days—how many petty jealousies did they wisely conquer and keep down so as to avoid friction in their choice of captains and conductors, and how good all this was for them in guiding them in their every-day life. He was happy to say that at his church the belfry joined the choir at their annual supper, and he hoped the same good feeling existed in other belfries.

In closing an able, witty, and kindly speech, the Archdeacon said he wished the weather had been a little more favourable, but he could say for the Bingley members

how great a pleasure it had been to them all to welcome the Association that day.

On the motion of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, curate of Birstall, seconded by Mr. Jno. Lawson, of Lightcliffe, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local branch for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies who had assisted at the tea-tables. To this Mr. W. Foster suitably replied, adding a kindly acknowledgement to the Archdeacon for the uniform interest he took in all matters connected with the ringing at his church.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, on the motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Stainthorpe, brought the meeting to a close.

We understand that no immediate steps will be taken in making choice of a new Hon. Secretary, and that all communications should be addressed meanwhile to the President at 24, Basinghall Street, Leeds, or to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Stainthorpe, at Pynate Terrace, Carlinghow, Batley.

The Local Secretary for the meeting was Mr. Jno. Perfect, who, together with the local band did everything possible to ensure the success of the meeting, and every credit is due to them for the smooth way in which the proceedings were carried out. As the last meeting at Bingley was in 1881, everything was new to the present band, and the success of the meeting is entirely their own.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above society took place, as is customary, at St. Marie's Church, Norfolk Row, on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing on the tower bells was indulged in by about forty members, touches being rung in Stedman, Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob. The business meeting took place at The Sportsman inn, Cambridge Street, Mr. J. Rew being elected to occupy the chair for the evening. Mr. T. G. Sarel was elected President for the ensuing year; Mr. S. Thomas re-elected Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. R. Harrison re-elected Hon. Secretary.

Future fixtures, votes of thanks, etc., etc., having been duly attended to, the rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing, courses and tunes, and friendly conversation. Particularly enjoyable was a performance by Mr. C. Armytage, of Doncaster, who, with improvised hammers, struck courses of Grandsire, Bob Major, and also a touch of Treble Bob, on the handbells. A very successful meeting was brought to a close by the usual vote of thanks to the chairman.

METHLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

The bells at Methley have been rehung in a capital new oak and iron frame, and new oak beams to carry frame, with new hangings. The work has been carried out by Messrs. F. White and Sons, of Appleton, and gives great satisfaction to the Rector and churchwardens, and architect.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—The 16th ultimo was the wedding-day of Dr. H. Pauli with Miss L. Howard at Holy Trinity, Kilburn, and it was marked by the church bells ringing merrily at the hour of the ceremony and again in the evening. As a sequel there took place at The White Swan hotel on the 9th instant, a social evening, convened for eight o'clock by the ringers, under the management of Messrs. Wilson and Pauli, and pre-

sided over by the Rector. There were twenty-eight present, among them being Mr. Price, Warden. Mrs. Storey carried out the arrangements to every one's satisfaction. Coffee, sandwiches, and cakes were served during the evening, and the enjoyment was continual through the happy vein of Messrs. Robson, Clarkson, Potter, Bacon, and Handley as pianist. The Rector also sung in quartet, and Misses Dawson and Croft contributed with the violin. Ping-pong and whist also came into the list, and by no means less interesting was the change-ringing by the lady handbell-ringers: Messrs. Antons, Dawson, Croft, Storey, and Longbotham. Mr. Eyles, ex-warden, in a pleasant speech, accorded the good wishes of the company to the doctor and his wife—who also enjoyed herself amongst them—and hoped that the enjoyable evening they had spent would not be the last. The doctor in thanking them mentioned especially the very kind thought of the handbell ladies in giving them a handsome dinner-gong, and the tower ringers in giving a pretty silver cruet on the occasion of their marriage. Before dispersing, those who wished had a little "something" to keep out the cold, and every one was at home by midnight, convinced that a smoking concert with ladies present was a very pleasant and agreeable innovation.

The band of St. Saviour's, Oxton, Cheshire, have witnessed the first ringers' wedding since the bells were hung in May, 1895, in the person of Mr. J. W. Evans, who is a native of this place, with Miss M. E. Turner, who has been a resident in the parish for a number of years. It may be interesting to state that they start their new career in the prime of life. The ceremony took place on Thursday, April 24th, at St. Stephen's, Prenton, when the twain were made one by the Rev. F. E. Sandys, late curate of the above church, and highly-esteemed by all the band. Prior to his marriage, his brother-ringers presented him (Mr. J. W. Evans) with a clock, and the captain on handing it to him humorously ejaculated that there would be no excuse for coming late. Owing to want of space on the wedding-day, the social gathering of the ringers did not take place until the Thursday following, on which day they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Evans at their abode. There was an abundance of "substantials," for brother Jack knows a ringers' appetite too well. After supper the ringers indulged in a little sing-song, and when the night was far advanced, took leave of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, wishing them much happiness, and singing the ever-welcome strain, "Auld lang syne," before leaving.

Saturday, May 3rd, was the day set apart for the marriage of Arthur Craven to Miss Aked, both of Whittington Moor. The ceremony was performed at Chesterfield by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills, the Vicar of Chesterfield (Rev. E. Hackling) being present, and a few friends of the bride and bridegroom. When the happy couple left the church, the bells of the old crooked spire rang out right merrily. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was attempted by Messrs. J. Holman, Geo. Hollis, Rev. A. T. Beeston, A. Worthington, G. W. Bemrose, D. Brearley, J. T. Hollis, Arthur Knights, S. Thomas (conductor), and C. W. P. Clifton; but 2 hrs. 55 mins., it unfortunately came a premature end. Descending the tower, the company were joined by the Chesterfield parish church company, and all made their way to 38, Chapel Street, Whittington Moor, the home of the married pair, where a most substantial tea was awaiting them. Being thus refreshed, all sat down to a jovial evening, which was spent in touches and tunes on the handbells, songs, etc. During the evening Mr. Clifton, on behalf of the Chesterfield company, presented Mr. Craven with a six-bottle cruet, to which he suitably responded. The presents received were numerous.

On Monday, the 19th instant, a pretty wedding was celebrated at Horsley church, Derbyshire, the bride being the eldest daughter of the head ringer, T. H. Whitton. The bells were kept ringing the best part of the afternoon and evening, change-ringing and firing at intervals. In addition to the local ringers three others came over from Ripley to take part in the proceedings. The young couple left for Scotland for their honeymoon, the bells ringing merrily on their departure.

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Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.—The annual meeting will be held at Leyland parish church to-day, Saturday, May 24th. JAMES HIGSON, Sec. 60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A District Meeting (no allowances) will be held at Brabourne, this Saturday afternoon, May 24th, at 4 o'clock. C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, Hon. Dist. Sec.

North Wingfield, Derbyshire.—The new trebles will be dedicated on Saturday, May 31st. Service at 4 p.m. Free tea at 5 p.m. All members of both East Derbyshire Associations invited, also all ringing friends. Ringers attending tea are requested to send a postcard not later than May 26th to T. ALLIBONE, Local Sec. North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting of the above Branch will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, May 31st, when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will address the members. The Rev. Canon Leigh, Rector, has most kindly offered to provide tea for those present. All ringers warmly welcomed. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Members earnestly requested to attend. REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Secretary. 5, Marsden Road, Southport.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, May 31st. Ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.50 p.m. J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec. Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at The Skyrack hotel at 7 p.m. CHARLES PRATT, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting of the Rossendale Branch will be held at St. James's church, Waterfoot, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells open at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. ZEB. LORD, Sec.

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, May 31st, at Blakenall. Tower open for ringing at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart, on Saturday, May 31st. Tower open at 4.30. No allowances. W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at Todmorden parish church, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested. JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The report books for 1901 have been distributed to all members whose addresses are believed to be correctly printed in the list of members. Several of the non-resident honorary life members have doubtful or insufficient addresses shown, and a copy has not been sent. Any such may have a copy by sending

me a card with their address. These applications are requested to be sent before May 31st. C. E. BORRETT, Hon. Sec. pro tem. 10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Devonshire Guild.—The Exeter Cathedral bells will be re-opened on June 24. Dedicatory Service 2 p.m. Ringing from 4.15 by Devon Guild. F. MOLINEUX, Hon. Sec. Harford, Ottery St. Mary.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—This is supposed to be the lightest ring of eight in the county, and have been recently rehung, and four new bells added to complete the octave in a new iron H frame by the well-known firm of Messrs. Taylor. The "go" of the bells is excellent, and were augmented through the efforts of the Rev. William C. Pearson (Vicar), formerly an honorary member of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, Ipswich. The ringers wish to tender their most hearty thanks to the Vicar for granting permission to ring, and for his kindly consideration at the conclusion of the peal.

THE PEAL AT NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE. This is the first peal on the bells and first in the method by J. Carwell-Cooke. The bells are the gift of E. H. Watts, Esq., of London, and were first rang on Easter Sunday last. The "go" of the 6th, 7th, and tenor is far from satisfactory, and great credit is due to Mr. Cox for the way in which he rung the tenor. Messrs. Biss, Coombes, and Rowley hail from Cardiff; Wilson from Abergavenny; Davies from Caerleon; Cox from Bridgend; Cooke from Penarth; Jones from Newport. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Charles Bennett, for the use of the bells, and also Mrs. Bennett for her kind hospitality in providing an excellent tea for them after the peal, which was very much appreciated.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT.—You did not comply with the conditions. See central page.

F. A.—The Rev. G. H. Harris was the Hon. Secretary at the period you name. After him the Rev. N. Bolingbroke.

CLAVIS.—A ring of eight.

J. B.—Opinions differ greatly.

Mr. R. Pickering, of Wolverhampton, asks the following questions:—(1) Has there been a peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung non-conducted on handbells, retained in hand? (2) Has there been a peal of London Surprise Major rung on handbells, retained in hand?

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1902.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. H. E. BULWER.

The mortal remains of the late Rev. Henry E. Bulwer, the much-respected Rector of Stanhoe-with-Barwick, who died suddenly on Monday week, were laid to rest in the afternoon of Thursday, May 8th, in Stanhoe Churchyard, in the presence of a large number of persons. The deceased had been Rector of Stanhoe for upwards of 17 years, and his sudden death came as a great blow to the members of his family and his many friends, as he had always appeared to enjoy the best of health, a day's illness being a thing almost unknown to him. He was hon. secretary to the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and the Hunstanton Convalescent Home, while he also took a deep interest in more local matters, being chairman of Stanhoe Parish Council, and corresponding manager of Stanhoe and Barwick National Schools. The weather was fine, but a biting wind swept across the churchyard. The church was filled with a congregation desirous of showing their respect to the deceased.

The funeral service was of a simple character, and was

conducted by the Rev. E. H. Whall, of North Barsham Rectory (an old friend of the deceased), while the Bishop of Thetford read the lesson, and pronounced the blessing at the close of the service. The chief mourners were Mrs. and Miss Bulwer and Mr. Ernest Bulwer. Others present included Canon H. J. Hare, the Rev. J. C. F. Hane, the Rev. E. K. Kerslake, the Rev. H. C. Willacy, the Rev. F. Gurling, the Rev. J. Tarbuck, the Rev. Elliott Drake Briscoe, Mr. C. D. Seymour, Miss Seymour, Mr. Robert Gambling, Dr. Hamill, Messrs. A. E. Savory, C. Savory, W. Oliver, J. R. Oliver, Dennis Cook, T. H. Calver, and Mr. Sedgeley (representing the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers). The Hunstanton Convalescent Home were represented by the Rev. H. Smith, Dr. Whitty, Miss Beck, and Messrs. W. Floyd, F. Chilvers, and R. G. Callaby.

The coffin, which was borne to the grave on a wheel bier by the members of the church choir, was of plain oak, with brass shield, bearing the inscription:—"Henry Earle Bulwer, priest, aged 61 years."

The wreaths and floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, including a cross of lilies from the widow and family. Others were from the Rev. H. J. Hare, Mrs. Hare and family, the members of the Church Guild and choir, Miss Annie Beck, J. R. and E. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Hollway Calthrop and Miss Ralston, the Rev. J. D. Home (Barmer), Mrs. J. D. Home, Mr. and Mrs. Southgate (Hunstanton Post Office), and G. and W. Driver; also a cross from Mr. and Miss Seymour and a wreath from Mrs. Savory (Barwick).

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. H. M. Smith of Stanhoe. Much sympathy is felt in the district for Mrs. Bulwer and the members of the family in their sudden bereavement.

A muffled peal of 1008 changes of Bob Triples was rung on Wednesday on the bells of the parish church, Wells, in memory of the deceased. F. Williamson, J. Spooner, C. Hendry, W. Savory, J. Skinner (conductor), F. Stone, T. Wright, W. Fitt. All the ringers are members of the Norwich Association.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The President (J. Sanicroft Holmes, Esq.), desires to announce to the members of the above Association and others, that he has requested Mr. C. E. Borrett to carry on the secretaryship rendered vacant by the lamented death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, until further arrangements can be made.

All communications should therefore be addressed to C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WM. WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	THOMAS LANGDON 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 7.
JOHN HOWES† 3.	HARRY WARNETT 8.
ARTHUR JONES† 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER† .. 5.	REUBEN CHARGE Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

†First peal. †First peal of Stedman Caters

The Provinces.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WALTER SHERMAN Treble.	WALTER BAGLEY 5.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 2.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 6.
REV. B. LONG 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 4.	FRANK BAGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

* First peal by the Rev. B. Long, who is curate of the parish, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

RICHMOND, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

J. PEAKE† Treble.	R. BRISCOE 4.
F. BRAND 2.	J. T. FRENCHUM 5.
J. G. WODDY 3.	†A. MORTON Tenor.

Conducted by A. MORTON.

†First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the return of the 3rd battalion Princess of Wales' Own Yorkshire regiment from South Africa that day.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE JORDAN .. Treble.	*THOMAS JORDAN 5.
JOHN LUCKEY* 2.	WALTER PRIOR 6.
THOMAS J. WATTS 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
WILLIAM WATTS 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER,

*First peal in the method.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE OLD PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

HARRY SEAR† .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Superlative ever rung in Dunstable.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, May 17, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5280 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

ALBERT GILLINGHAM .. Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	WILLIAM WOOD 6.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	WALTER LAST 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS,

Reference on another page.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 1/2 cwt.

JOHN BASDENTreble.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 5.
JOHN T. KENTISH 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
GEORGE A. RANSOM .. . 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 4.	THOMAS BEADLETenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

Rung at the conclusion of a dedication service by the Bishop of Kensington, who dedicated a chancel screen erected to the memory of William Podger, an old inhabitant of the parish.

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On Saturday, May 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Being Forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 14 1/2 cwt.

GEORGE LOUTH†Treble.	†REUBEN COPELIN 4.
JOHN ALLEN† 2.	JOHN AVIS 5.
EDWARD C. HEATH† .. 3.	†NELSON C. FENNELL ..Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN COPELIN.

†First peal. †First peal as conductor.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Sunday, May 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. .Treble.	WILLIAM PAGE 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
HENRY DAINS 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
EDWIN BARNETT 4.	CHARLES BEAMANTenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

WALTER BROWNTreble.	*FRANK ROLFE 5.
FREDERICK MEE 2.	†GEORGE THOMPSON .. . 6.
GEORGE W. MEE 3.	PHILIP C. RAMPLIN .. . 7.
HENRY J. MEE 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTONTenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by F. ROLFE.

†First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

LUTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19 1/2 in E flat.

HUBERT EDENTreble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. . 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. . 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
MAURICE SMITH* .. . 4.	WILLIAM PYETenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal of Superlative ever rung in Luton

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE FOSTERTreble.	WILLIAM J. SMITH .. . 5.
GEORGE BARTLETT .. . 2.	EDWARD HIMS 6.
HARRY MILES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM JEFFERY .. . 4.	ANTONY STRANGETenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung at the unveiling of a peal-board recording a muffled peal in memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. H. Barter.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in D.

CHARLES W. CLARKE ..Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. . 7.
ERNEST PYE 3.	JOHN W. BARKER 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. . 4.	*FRANK WEBB 9.
GEORGE R. PYE 5.	WILLIAM PYETenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Royal.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 1/2 cwt.

JOHN BASDENTreble.	THOMAS BEADLE 5.
ALFRED WICKS 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. . 3.	HENRY BROWNING .. . 7.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD.. 4.	HENRY DARETenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

First peal and first attempt by the tenor-man, who is a member of the local band. It was the first peal ever attempted by a Sunbury-man.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER WHITING* ..Treble.	EDGAR HICKS 5.
GEORGE WHITING .. . 2.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. . 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMANTenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal in the method.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

RICHARD BRUNSDON* ..Treble.	*HENRY LOVELL 7.
ERNEST E. DAVIS .. . 2.	WILLIAM HALE 8.
RICHARD A. JUDD .. . 3.	WILLIAM PEGLER 9.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	H. LAW JAMES 10.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. . 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. . 11.
JESSE GILLET 6.	ALBERT HANKSTenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal of Cinques.

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BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of London Scholars', College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Duke of York, and Violet. Tenor 14 3/4 cwt.

- THOMAS BETTISON Treble. | WILLIAM LAMBERT 4.
HARRY GRAVES 2. | WM. HENRY TURTON 5.
WALTER ALLWOOD 3. | *JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LAMBERT.

*First-peal of Treble Bob Minor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

- WILLIAM BALLS Treble. | DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2. | JOHN J. CREASY 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3. | GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 4. | EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method by all except E. Wightman, and on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLoucester and BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

- GEORGE T. DALTRY Treble. | JOHN BURFORD 6.
W. JAMES HINTON 2. | CHAS. E. D. BOUTFLOWER 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 3. | CHARLES GORDON 8.
GEORGE JAYNE 4. | ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 9.
CHARLES TOMKINS 5. | HENRY T. HOWELL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

This peal was arranged for Mrs. R. H. Brundle, of Ipswich.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES: IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

- JOHN WYATT† Treble. | ERNEST ALLEN 5.
CHARLES GILES 2. | JOHN HOYLE 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3. | ARTHUR DEAN 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4. | JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

†First peal in the method.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

- JOHN W. BURGESS† Treble. | FREDERICK LOCK 5.
SYDNEY F. C. SAKER 2. | JAMES LIVERMORE 6.
LEONARD J. STAPELEY 3. | THOMAS HUNNISETT 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS 4. | †WILLIAM BURT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

†First peal.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

- JAMES HUNT Treble. | FRANK BENNETT 6.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 2. | ERNEST ALLEN 7.
EDWARD RADDON* 3. | JOHN HOYLE 8.
CHARLES GILES 4. | ARTHUR DEAN 9.
JOHN J. JONES 5. | WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Caters with a bob bell.

FOXLEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

- F. ISAAC FUTTER* Treble. | FREDERICK WILBY 4.
WALTER E. AYRES 2. | †WILLIAM J. HOWSON 5.
CHARLES T. AYRES* 3. | FREDERICK FUTTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. HOWSON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. The ringers of the treble and 3rd did not begin learning till November last. First peal on the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

- JAMES CARWELL-COOKE .. Treble. | EVAN DAVIS 5.
JOHN W. JONES 2. | WILLIAM COOMBES 6.
FRANCIS S. WILSON 3. | ALLEN ROWLEY 7.
WILLIAM W. BISS 4. | JOHN COX Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBES.

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CARDINGTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

- HARRY SEAR Treble. | CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
ERNEST PYE 2. | GEORGE R. PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3. | †FRANK WEBB 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4. | WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal of Superlative.

BLETCHLEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

- HARRY SEAR Treble. | ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2. | GEORGE R. PYE 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3. | ERNEST PYE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4. | WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the first peal of Superlative ever rung at Bletchley.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Wantage has been sent without any date.

The following peals have been rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, May 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS Treble.	WILLIAM MURRY 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2.	ALFRED JOYNER 6.
ALBERT HUGHES 3.	ERNEST BROWN 7.
HARRY MILLS 4.	JOSEPH HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BROWN.

†First peal with a bob bell. This is the first muffled peal on the bells.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

J. W. WADE Treble.	C. H. HATTERSLEY 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT 2.	F. MUSTY 7.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES 3.	REV. J. HASTINGS 8.
W. T. PATES 4.	H. ROBERTS 9.
W. DYER 5.	H. W. HUMPHRIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

HALLOW, WORCESTER.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 5.
HENRY DAINS 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. 6.
CHARLES MEE 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung in the early morning before the Council meeting.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

PADIHAM.—On Tuesday, May 6th, at St. Leonard's church, a date touch of 1902 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 16 mins. W. Bolton, T. Duxbury conductor, E. A. Pollard, W. Holgate, F. G. Pollard, C. Parkinton, F. G. Wagner, R. W. Hargreaves.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

WIRKSWORTH.—On Monday, May 5th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Turner, C. Alsop conductor, H. Ogdon, W. Fox, A. Gell, B. Greatorex, F. Johnson. B. Sowter.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

WOODCHURCH.—On Monday, May 12th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Ducker, G. Philips, A. Bennett, W. Bennett. First 720 of Kent by the local band.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRIRTCURCH (Hants).—On Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, 420 Stedman Triples. E. Hinton, A. Best, W. Kerley, T. Best, G. Vey, S. Best, G. Preston, H. Bagshot. For evening service 504 in the same method by the same band. On Monday, April 7th, for

practice, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Hinton, M. Stewart, A. Best, G. Plummer, T. Best, S. Best, W. Kerley, G. Preston. On Sunday, April 20th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Hinton, A. Best, S. Best, T. Best, G. Vey, W. Kerley, G. Preston, H. Bagshot.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINKFIELD (Berks).—On Wednesday, April 30th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Bailey first 720, H. Carder, J. Druce, G. Worsfold, W. Bailey, J. Brant conductor. On Wednesday, May 7th, 720 in the same method. W. Bailey, H. Carder, A. Gough, J. Druce, G. Worsfold, J. Brant conductor.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERGANENNY (Mon).—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, 240 Grandsire Doubles. C. Baker, T. A. Williamson, O. Smart, O. Throssell, F. S. Wilson conductor, W. Horsington. For evening service on Sunday, May 4th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Richards, O. Throssell, W. Horsington, O. Smart, F. S. Wilson conductor, R. Richards. On Sunday, May 11th, for evening service, 420 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering. W. Richards, W. Horsington, O. Throssell, O. Smart, F. S. Wilson conductor, R. Richards, T. Williams, W. Williams. Longest length by all except Throssell and Wilson. On handbells, retained in hand, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Horsington, 1-2; C. W. Harris, totally blind, 3-4; O. Smart, 5-6; F. S. Wilson conductor, 7-8. And a plain course of Grandsire Caters. O. Throssell, 1-2; H. Horsington, 3-4; C. W. Harris, 5-6; O. Smart, 7-8; F. S. Wilson, 9-10.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Sunday, May 4th, at St. Lawrence's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire. Alfred White, Frederick White, Harry White, Richard White, Cuthbert White, Fred White, Albert White, H. King. This was rung by father and six sons.

BUNWELL.—On Sunday, May 18th, at the parish church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Sturman, G. Smith, G. Smith, jun., R. Hutton conductor, O. Hinchley, J. Hilling. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Sturman, G. Smith, J. Hilling, G. Smith, jun., R. Hutton conductor, O. Hinchley.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, February 23rd, for evening service, 546 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, J. B. Fenton, J. Coales, A. Dubber, A. Bramall, J. George conductor, A. J. Hessian. For morning service on Sunday, May 4th, 644 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, F. Sear, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, A. Bramall, J. Coales. For morning service on Sunday, May 11th, 517 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, F. Sear conductor, R. Watson, J. Coales, J. B. Fenton, J. George, A. Bramall, A. J. Hessian. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, A. J. Hessian, F. Sear, J. Coales, A. Dubber, J. George, A. Bramall conductor, J. B. Fenton. This is A. J. Hessian's first 504 with a bob bell, and special credit is due to him for the success he is making.

PULBOROUGH (Sussex).—On April 23rd, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ada Doick, daughter of Mr. H. Doick, for many years a member of the local band, 360 Bob Minor. J. Blake, A. Greenfield conductor, E. Seller, S. Stone, P. Doick, C. Child, H. Herrington, E. Booker. And six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Eves, H. Herrington, E. Stone, N. O. Trung, J. Blake, C. Child, A. Greenfield conductor, A. Booking.

The following touches have been rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer:—

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS.—On Wednesday, May, 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. J. Livermore, jun., L. Stapley, R. Ford, F. Lock, S. Saker conductor, A. E. Barrow, W. Billenness, J. Livermore.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDBURY.—On Tuesday, May 12th, several touches of Grandsire Minor and a touch of Grandsire Triples were rung at Christ Church. G. Pigott, T. Piggott, A. Hughes, A. Knight, J. Tilley, R. Hall, J. W. Parish, J. Jaggard conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KELSE (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 10th, at the parish church, a touch of 1152 Bob Major, in 45 mins. W. Fleming, G. Berry, J. Avis, G. Thompson, Gordon Thompson, H. Thompson, W. Cooper, W. Fisher conductor.

BUNWELL.—On Monday, May 19th, 720 and 360 Bob Minor. A. Sturman, G. Smith, J. Hilling, G. Smith, jun., R. Hutton conductor. O. Hinchley.

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BRAMFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 11th, 720 of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Morning Star, and Old Doubles. J. Fenn, W. Bloomfield & Thain conductor, J. Walker, J. Punchedard.

CHEDISTON (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 12th, 1320 Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob Minimus. W. Cullingford, E. Hurren, T. Crane conductor, L. Hammond.

FRAMSDEN.—On Saturday, May 10th, 120 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Weedon, E. Lanham, W. Balls, G. Thurlow, G. Whiting, J. Creasy, G. Wightman, W. Wightman. On Sunday, May 11th, 336 Stedman Triples. S. Wightman, jun., W. Walls, E. Hicks, G. Thurlow, W. Wightman, G. Perry, G. Wightman, W. Sawyer.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 11th, at the parish church, touches of Bob Triples were rang by S. Kerrison, E. Chatten, F. Lambert conductor, W. Peirce, A. Took, J. Howard, R. Jarmy, L. Hammond.

LITTLE GLEMHAM—On May 13th, at St. Andrew's church, five members rang 720 Plain Doubles and 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Hunt, O. Hunt, E. Everett, W. Stannard, J. Wardley conductor.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 10th, eight members of the Leiston Society rang 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, W.

Taylor, A. J. Lincoln conductor, S. Bailey, C. Samson, E. Bailey, J. Button, H. Button.

QUIDENHAM.—On Tuesday, May 13th, at St. Andrew's church 720 Bob Minor. E. G. Kemp, J. Sage, H. Secker, A. Newson, W. H. Ringer, J. Woods conductor, W. Hensley.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 17th, the whole pull and stand was rung, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. E. Symonds conductor, E. Youngs, W. Rose, J. A. Berry, H. Symonds, C. Nunn.

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Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-third Annual Meeting, held on 6th March, 1902.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 76,831, assuring the sum of £7,575,835, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £389,776.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,489,955, being an increase of £167,613 over the year 1900.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,563,775. The number of Deaths was 6,723, and 6,105 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 651,558.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £5,529,461, being an increase of £81,764.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,104,939. The number of Deaths was 211,670, and 2,227 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 74,798, the number in force being 771,279. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 17,830.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 14,334,820; their average duration exceeds nine and a half years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheet, are £43,292,026, being an increase of £3,396,698 over those of 1900.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shews a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £101,960.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1901.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholder's capital	1,000,000	0	0	British Government Securities	3,554,093	7	5
Ordinary Branch Funds	22,660,953	10	2	Indian and colonial government securities	4,194,854	6	7
Industrial Branch Fund	18,274,017	18	6	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks	3,050,669	14	6
Reserve Fund	900,000	0	0	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	9,340,533	17	11
Investments reserve Fund	250,000	0	0	Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	3,317,456	3	10
Claims under life policies admitted	207,054	18		Freehold and leasehold property	2,293,593	5	10
				Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	5,809,857	10	7
				Railway, Gas, and Water Stocks	6,109,593	16	0
				Suez Canal shares	167,677	11	7
				Telegraph and other shares	81,715	3	9
				Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London bonds	339,332	17	1
				Bank of England stock	200,559	18	6
				Colonial and Foreign corporation stocks	332,538	5	7
				Foreign government securities	1,106,291	17	7
				Reversions and Life Interests	923,844	14	4
				Loans on the Company's policies	1,148,138	11	0
				Rent charges	181,975	10	5
				Outstanding premiums	467,379	9	6
				Cash in hands of superintendents and agents balances	41,172	11	0
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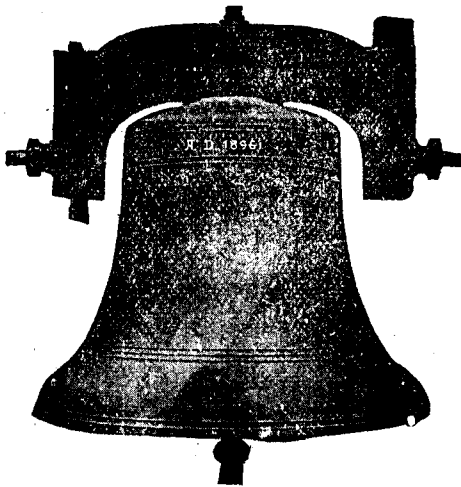
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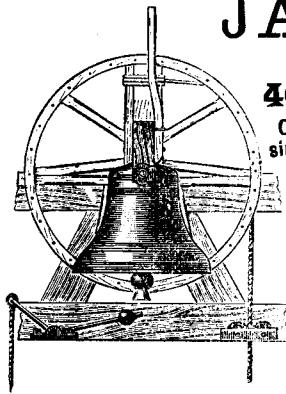
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